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In Re Utility Patent Application for:

Eithan Y. Ephrati, et al.

Application No.: 09/426,410

Filed: October 25, 1999

For: ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL

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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

Applicants hereby ask for reconsideration of the Petition filed October 27, 2004 to withdraw the holding of abandonment with respect to the above-referenced patent application. The Petition was dismissed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a Decision mailed January 11, 2005.

In support of the present Renewed Petition, applicants have attached the following to this Renewed Petition:

(1) Exhibit A: Declaration of Christopher P. Marshall, with an attached redacted Docket.

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- (2) Exhibit B: a photocopy of a previously-filed October 27, 2004 Petition
  Pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c) to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment
  Based on Failure to Receive Office Communication.
- (3) Exhibit C: a photocopy of a previously-filed October 27, 2004 Declaration of Lester J. Vincent in Support of Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Communication, with an attached Docket.
- (4) Exhibit D: a photocopy of the January 11, 2005 Decision on Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment.

The reason given in the January 11, 2005 Decision for dismissing the Petition was as follows:

The docket records indicated above must include a copy of the list of <u>all</u> responses in the practitioner's office with the due date of March 4, 2004. See Notice entitled "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 OG 53 (November 16, 1993). The petitioner has failed to comply with requirement (3) indicated above.

The docket record submitted by petitioner is that of the above referenced application. To satisfy requirement (3) above, a docket record showing <u>all</u> responses due by the firm of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman, at and around the due date of March 4, 2004, must be supplied.

(1/11/2005 Decision on Petition p. 2)

Applicants respectfully disagree with the January 11, 2005 Decision. Applicants respectfully submit that applicants' original Petition papers were satisfactory.

Applicants' previously-submitted the docket record for this application shows no

indication of the receipt of the Office Communication of February 4, 2004. Applicants believe such record satisfies the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, MPEP § 711.03(c), and 1156 O.G. 53 (November 16, 1993). In particular, 1156 O.G. 53 states that a "copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement." Applicants respectfully submit that the docket record attached to the previously-submitted October 27, 2004 Declaration of Lester J. Vincent is the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. Thus, the requirements of 1156 O.G. 53 were satisfied.

Nevertheless, in order to meet the alleged requirements set forth in the January 11, 2005 Decision, applicants have enclosed a Declaration of Christopher P. Marshall that has attached a docket record that shows all the responses due by the firm Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP on March 4, 2004, which was the due date (without extension) for responding to the Office Communication of February 4, 2004. Because of the requirements of client confidentiality, certain information regarding matters besides the present patent application has been redacted. The docket record shows no evidence of any receipt of an Office Communication of February 4, 2004 for the present application. That docket record shows no evidence of any response being due to an Office Communication of February 4, 2004 for the present application.

The docket record attached to the Declaration of Christopher P. Marshall is another docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. The docket record attached to the Declaration of

Christopher P. Marshall is believed to be cumulative to the docket record previously submitted with the October 27, 2004 Declaration of Lester J. Vincent.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Applicants on October 27, 2004 filed a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (i.e., a response to the Office Communication of February 4, 2004).

Applicants on February 8, 2005 filed a Petition for Revival for the present application for patent abandoned unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Should the present Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment be granted, applicants request the refunding of the fee submitted with the Petition for Revival.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: February 16, 2005

Lester J. Vincent Reg. No. 31,460

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Page 1 of 3 **FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2005** Complete if Known: Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 0.00 EIVED RECEIVED 09/426,410 October 25, 1999 First Named Inventor Eithan Y. Ephrati MAR 0 1 2005 FEB 2 8 2005 Examiner Name Laneau, Ronald Art Unit 3627 OFFICE OF PETITIONS GROUP 3600 Attorney Docket No. 3660P011 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Money Order None \_\_\_\_ Other (please identify) Х Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 02-2666 Deposit Account Name: The Director is Authorized to do the following with respect to the above-identified Deposit Account: Charge fee(s) indicated below. Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) during the pendency of this application. Charge fee(s) indicated below except for the filing fee-Credit any overpayments. Any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time should be treated as incorporating an appropriate petition for extension of time and all required fees should be charged. Warning: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. **FEE CALCULATION** 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES Large Entity Small Entity Fee Fee Fee Fee Code (\$) Code (\$) Fee Description Fees Paid (\$) 1011 300 2011 150 Utility application filing fee 1111 500 2111 250 Utility search fee 1,000/500 1311 200 2311 100 Utility examination fee 1012 200 . 2012 100 Design application filing fee 1112 100 2112 50 Design search fee 430/215 1312 Design examination fee 130 2312 65 1013 200 2013 100 Plant filing fee 1113 300 2113 Plant search fee 150 660/330 1313 160 2313 80 Plant examination fee

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#### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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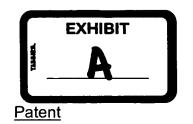
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DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER P. MARSHALL IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

- I, Christopher P. Marshall, hereby declare and say as follows:
- (1) I am a secretary for Lester J. Vincent (Reg. No. 31,460) at the firm of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP ("BSTZ") in Sunnyvale, California.
  - (2) I am familiar with the electronic docketing system of BSTZ.
- (3) On January 19, 2005, I used the electronic docketing system of BSTZ to prepare a printout of all the docketing deadlines for all patent and trademark matters for the firm BSTZ for the date March 4, 2004.
- (4) I reviewed that docket printout. That docket printout showed no response due on March 4, 2004 for the present patent application. That docket printout showed no evidence of the receipt of an Office Communication dated February 4, 2004 for the present patent application.

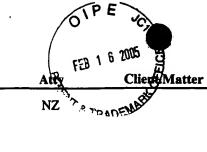
- (5) I then redacted that docket printout at the direction of Lester J. Vincent to mask confidential information with respect to prosecution matters unrelated to the present patent application. A photocopy of that redacted docket printout is attached to this Declaration.
- (6) The attached redacted docket printout is a docket record where the non-received Office Communication of February 4, 2004 would have been entered had it been received and docketed by BSTZ.
- (7) This Declaration accompanies the Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive OfficeCommunication.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issued thereon.

Dated: 2 16 2005

Christopher P. Marshall

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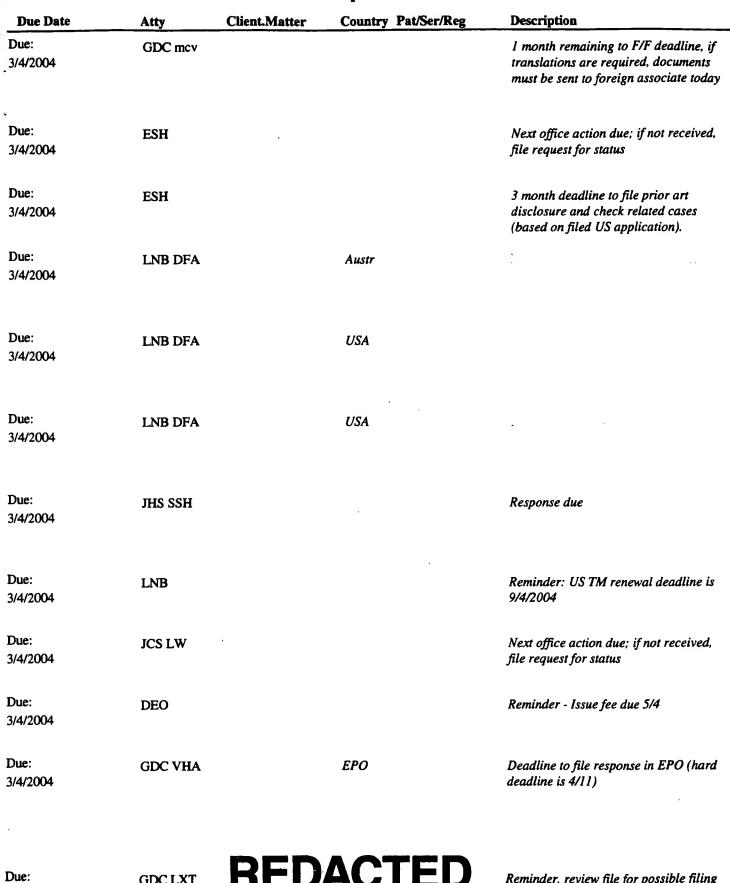
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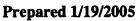
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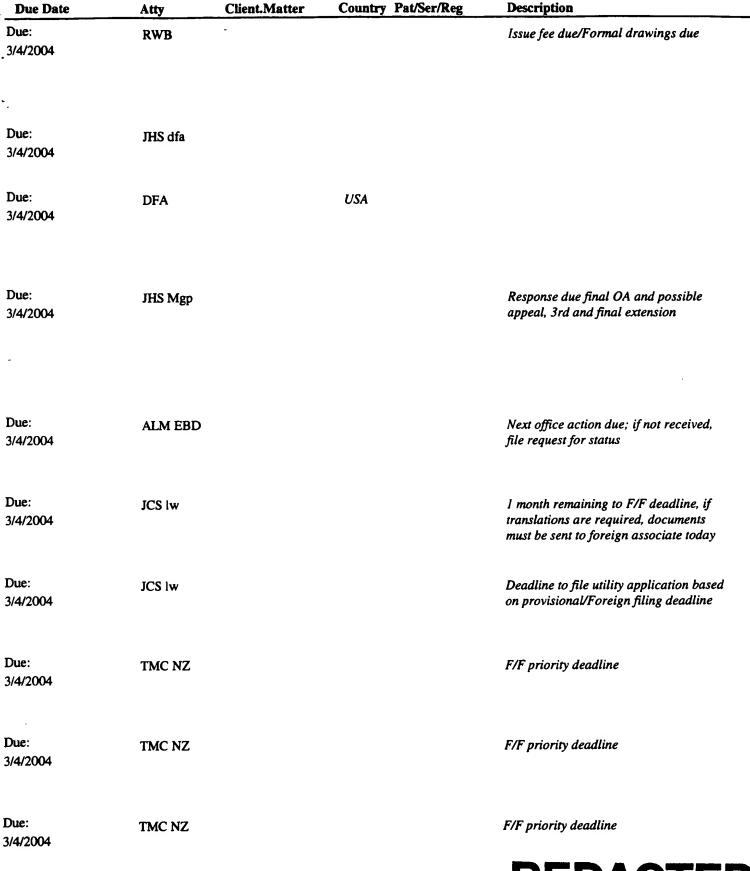
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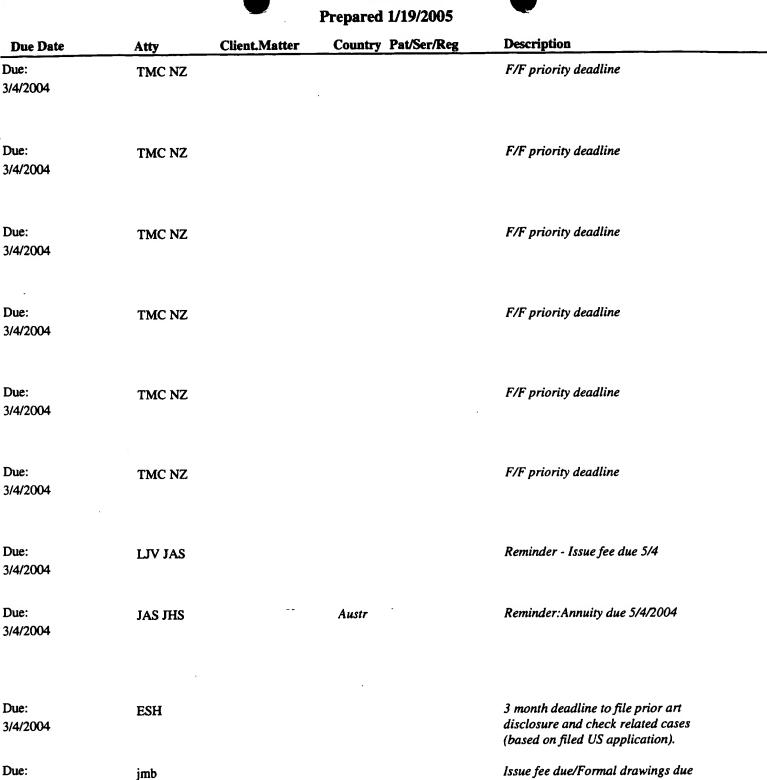
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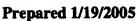






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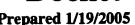


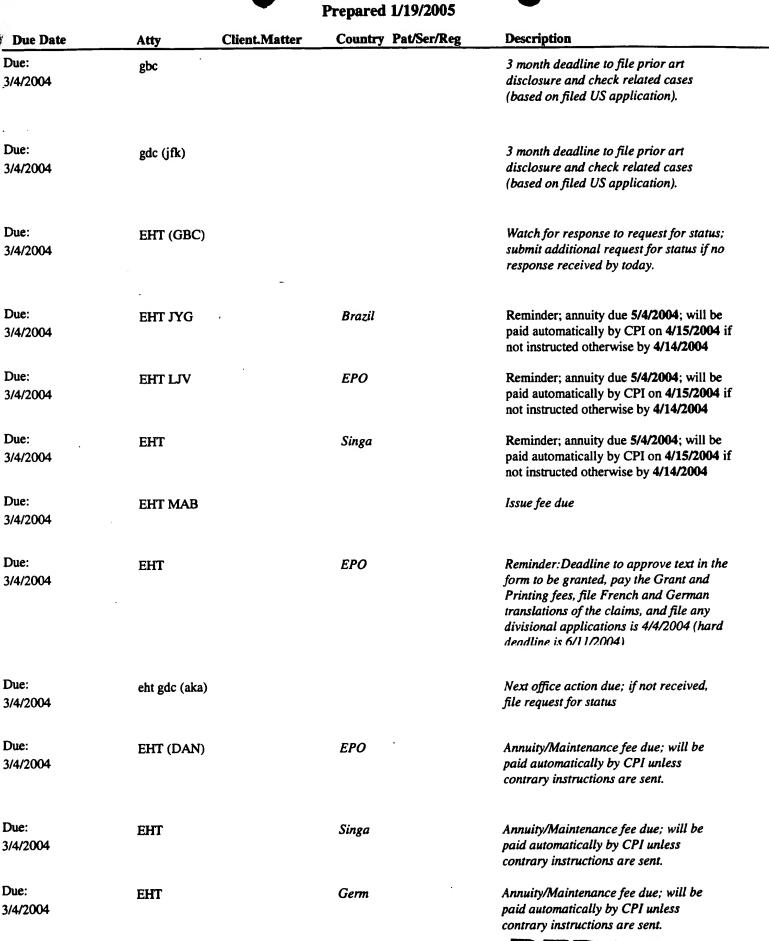


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Due: 3/4/2004	eht rab			Response due to notice regarding inconsistancy with specification(no extension possible)
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT RAB AHA	·		Response due, 1st extension
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Due: 3/4/2004	ljv (emm)			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
Due: 3/4/2004	ljv (EMM)			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
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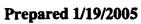
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Due: 3/4/2004	EHT PAM			If advisory action or notice of allowance not received by today, review file for possible filing of continuation application.
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT PAM			Response due advisory action
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT SMD VXM			Response due, 1st extension
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Due: 3/4/2004	EHT mjm (SZK)		Unite	Annuity/Maintenance fee due; will be paid automatically by CPI unless contrary instructions are sent.
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Due: 3/4/2004	EHT (CEW)		Germ	Deadline to file response in Germany (hard deadline is 3/16/2004)



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Due: 3/4/2004	EHT GRL		EPO	Reminder: Deadline to give confirmation to proceed with the application is 4/4/2004 (hard deadline is 4/18/2004)
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT MJM (RGW)			Response due
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT WWS		Korea	Deadline to file a written argument and/or amendment against the rejection (hard deadline is 3/11); extended from 2/11/2004
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT MLW			Next office action due; if not received, file request for status
Due: 3/4/2004	ЕНТ ЈАН			Response due advisory action, 3rd and final extension
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT GDC JAP			Watch for next office action; RCE filed 9/4/2003
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT (SZK)			Response due, 2nd extension
Due: 3/4/2004	eht jpw		PCT	Deadline to file the information disclosure statement re: PCT search report (in all related US cases)
Due: 3/4/2004	eht (SDY)	,		Reminder, review file for possible filing of continuation application if advisory action or notice of allowance not received by 3/11/2004
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Due: 3/4/2004	ЕНТ		EPO .	Annuity/Maintenance fee due; will be paid automatically by CPI unless contrary instructions are sent.



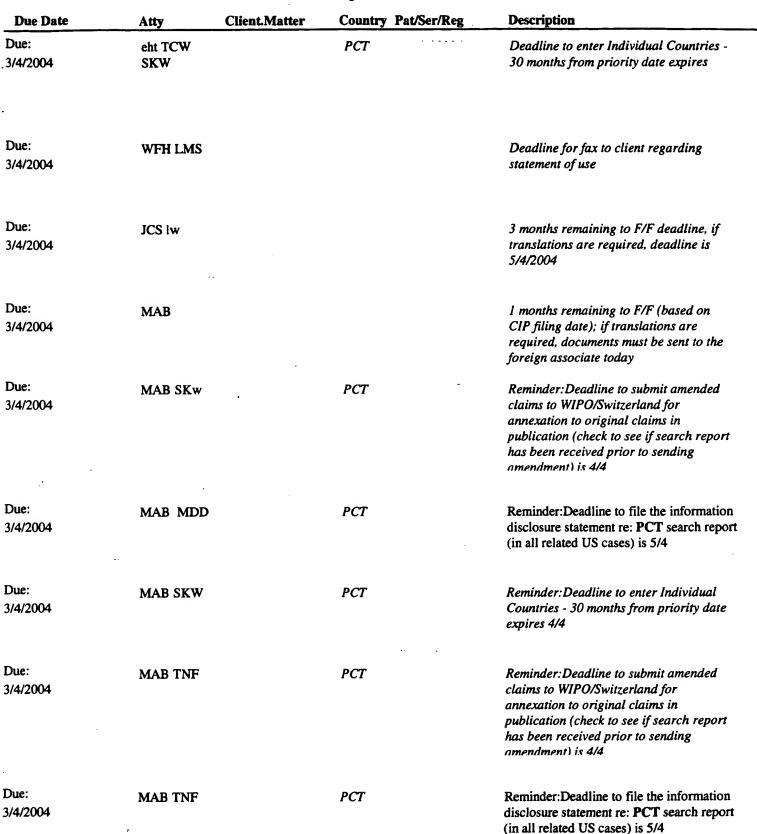
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Due: 3/4/2004	EHT (JSD)				Next office action due; if not received, file request for status
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT RAB CGC				Response due final OA and possible appeal
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Due: 3/4/2004	EHT LJV KGS		Taiwan		Reminder: Deadline to file response in Taiwan is 4/4/2004 (hard deadline is 4/11/2004); extended from 2/13/2004
Due: 3/4/2004	EHT MAB HMM				Response due
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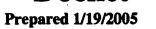
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Due: 3/4/2004	WTB			3 months remaining to F/F deadline, if translations are required, deadline is 5/4/2004
Due: 3/4/2004	ESH			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
Due: 3/4/2004	МЈМ			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB DFA		USA	
Due: 3/4/2004	JYG TMB			Response due
Due: 3/4/2004	ALM			Response due, 1st extension
Due: 3/4/2004	TNF			Response due missing parts of application, 2nd extension
Due: 3/4/2004	JHS jas			Watch for office action; per status reply expected date of action is 3/04
Due: 3/4/2004	sws LNB WFH LMS			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	sws LNB WFH LMS			Watch for notice of acceptance of statement of use by today; if not received, file SOU or additional request for extension of time.







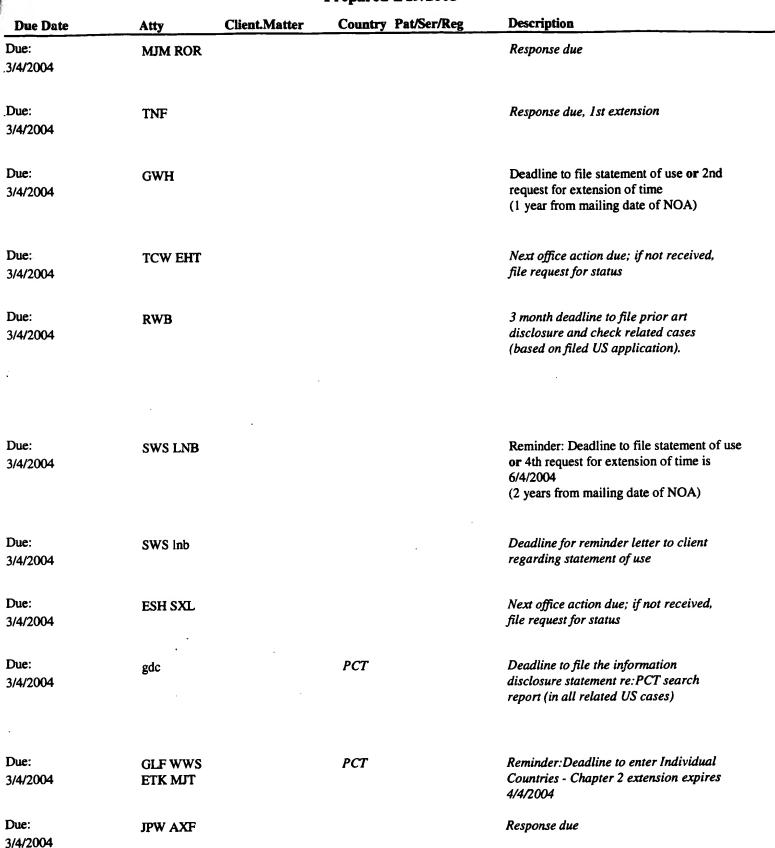




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Due: 3/4/2004	MAB SKW	PCT	PCT application will be published
Due: 3/4/2004	MAB SKW	PCT	Reminder: Chapter 2 deadline is 4/4. Check to see if amendments were filed under Article 19.
Due: 3/4/2004	MAB SKW	PCT	Reminder: Deadline to file in Individual Countries if Chapter 2 is not entered and National stage must be entered in Spain (does not apply if EPO was designated) is on 5/4
Due: 3/4/2004	DMD	Unite	Reminder: Deadline to file response is 4/11 (hard deadline is 5/11)
Due: 3/4/2004	DMD	Unite	Reminder: Deadline to file response is 4/4 (hard deadline is 5/11)
Due: 3/4/2004	DMD JSM	•	Response due
Due: 3/4/2004	ТМС		Deadline for fax to client regarding statement of use
Due: 3/4/2004	GWH	•	Next office action due; if not received, file request for status
Due: 3/4/2004	MJM KGS	·	Next office action due; if not received, file request for status
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Due: .3/4/2004	JPW CTW				Response due, examiner interview summary
Due: 3/4/2004	љм				Deadline to file utility application based on provisional/Foreign filing deadline
Due: 3/4/2004	JPW TAV				Deadline to file utility application based on provisional/Foreign filing deadline
Due: 3/4/2004	skd tnf				Reminder, review file for possible filing of continuation application if advisory action or notice of allowance not received by 3/11/2004
Due: 3/4/2004	MJM ror				Reminder - Issue fee due 5/4
Due: 3/4/2004	SWS Inb				Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	GWH		USA		
Due: 3/4/2004	WTB SWS LMS				Deadline for fax to client regarding statement of use
Due: 3/4/2004	JYG		<i>EPO</i>		Reminder: Deadline to file the information disclosure statement re: EP search report (in all related US cases) is 5/4/2004
Due: 3/4/2004	JYG				Response due





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Due: .3/4/2004	RWB JAH		·	Response due, 3rd and final extension
Due: 3/4/2004	JCS DEO amg SKW	:	PCT	Reply due the invitation to correct defects in the Int'l. appln. of the PCT.
Due: 3/4/2004	МЈМ		EPO	Watch for annuity renewal receipt
Due: 3/4/2004	LMS			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB LMS			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
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Due: 3/4/2004	LMS		-	F/F letter
Due: 3/4/2004	LMS			F/F letter
Due: 3/4/2004	LMS			F/F letter
Due: 3/4/2004	DMD			Application filed 18 months ago, no office action received. Send status request to PTO.





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Due: -3/4/2004	RWB LNB	Unite	Use deadline
Due: 3/4/2004	MLW BEV SKW	PCT	Reminder: Deadline to enter Individual Countries - 30 months from priority date expires 6/4
Due: 3/4/2004	MLW BEV	PCT	Deadline to file the information disclosure statement re: PCT search report (in all related US cases)
Due: 3/4/2004	ALM		F/F letter
Due: 3/4/2004	ALM ljj	·	3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
Due: 3/4/2004	JMB		I month remaining to F/F deadline, if translations are required, documents must be sent to foreign associate today
Due: 3/4/2004	JMB ·		I month remaining to F/F deadline, if translations are required, documents must be sent to foreign associate today
Due: 3/4/2004	<b>ЛМВ</b>		I months remaining to F/F (based on CIP filing date); if translations are required, documents must be sent to the foreign associate today
Due: 3/4/2004	<b>ЈМВ</b>		I month remaining to F/F deadline, if translations are required, documents must be sent to foreign associate today
Due: 3/4/2004	ALM JLS mrv	Canada	Watch for first office action



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Due: .3/4/2004	LNB LMS	-	СТМ	
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB LMS			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB LMS			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	RAN <sub>,</sub>		PCT	Deadline to file the information disclosure statement re: PCT search report (in all related US cases)
Due: 3/4/2004	JAS			Response due
Due: 3/4/2004	ESH		•	3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
Due: 3/4/2004	ESH			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
Due: 3/4/2004	NZ		USA	
Due: 3/4/2004	ESH			Next office action due; if not received, file request for status
Due: 3/4/2004	RWB			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
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Due: 3/4/2004	RWB			Reminder: Record assignment of provisional application



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Due: 3/4/2004	LJV LMS		USA	-
Due: 3/4/2004	МЈМ			Response due, 3rd and final extension
Due: 3/4/2004	PAM PAP LMS			Deadline for fax to client regarding statement of use
Due: 3/4/2004	DFA		USA	
Due: 3/4/2004	JMB			Reminder: Second maintenance fee due 9/4/2004; notification letter to client
Due: 3/4/2004	<b>FEA</b>			Response due missing parts of application, 2nd extension
Due: 3/4/2004	wws			F/F priority deadline
Due: 3/4/2004	JPW		·	Watch for first office action
Due: 3/4/2004	JPW SKW		PCT	PCT application will be published
Due: 3/4/2004	JPW SKW		PCT	Reminder: Chapter 2 deadline is 4/4. Check to see if amendments were filed under Article 19.
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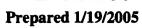
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Due: 3/4/2004	JPW tav SKW		PCT	Reminder: PCT application will be published on 4/4
Due: 3/4/2004	JPW RAB			Application filed 18 months ago, no office action received. Send status request to PTO.
Due: 3/4/2004	wws			Deadline to amend to reflect the claim of priority
Oue: 3/4/2004	TNF			Reminder: Deadline to file utility application based on provisional/Foreign filing deadline is 9/4/04
Due: 6/4/2004	TNF			Reminder: Record assignment of provisional application
Due: 6/4/2004	RWB			F/F letter
Due: /4/2004	DFA			Deadline for reminder letter to client regarding statement of use
Due: 3/4/2004	DFA			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
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Due: 1/4/2004	SMD			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).





Due Date	Atty	Client.Matter	Country Pat/Ser/	Reg Description
Due: 3/4/2004	GXV			Reminder, review file for possible filing of continuation application if advisory action or notice of allowance not received by 3/11/04
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Due: 3/4/2004	JPW			Deadline to file utility application based on provisional/Foreign filing deadline
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Due: 3/4/2004	JPW			Deadline to file utility application based on provisional/Foreign filing deadline
Due: 3/4/2004	TMC NZ			Response due
Due: 3/4/2004	ESH			Reminder: Deadline to revive abandoned application is 4/4/2004

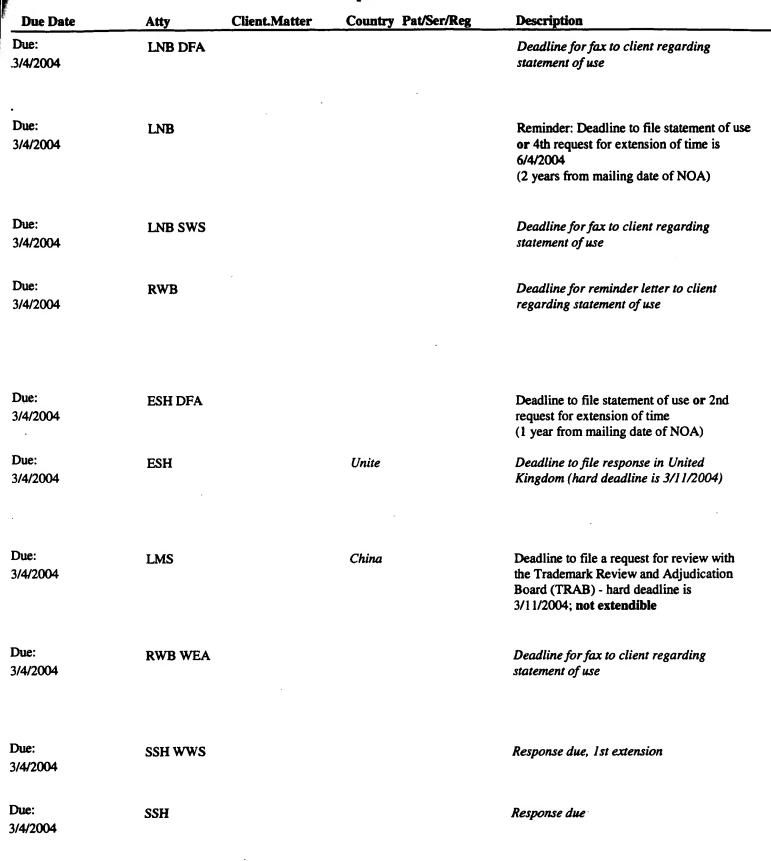


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Due: 3/4/2004	wws			F/F letter
Due: 3/4/2004	GWH		Japan	Unless our instructions are received by today, associate will pay the patent registration fee in order to keep this application in force.
Due: 3/4/2004	LJV			Reminder: Deadline to file the information disclosure statement re: UK search report (in all related US cases) is 5/4/2004
Due: 3/4/2004	wws			3 month deadline to file prior art disclosure and check related cases (based on filed US application).
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB		Spain	Reminder: Deadline to file an appeal is 3/25/2004 (hard deadline is 4/1/2004)
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Due: 3/4/2004	LJV SKD			Reminder, review file for possible filing of continuation application if advisory action or notice of allowance not received by 3/11/04
Due: 3/4/2004	LJV ROR		*	Watch for next office action; RCE filed 9/4/2003
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Due: 3/4/2004	ESH		japan	Reminder:Annuity due 5/4(hard deadline 5/11/2004)
Due: 3/4/2004	B-H ESH			Second maintenance fee due 9/4/2004; notification letter to client
Due: 3/4/2004	B-H ESH			Second maintenance fee due 9/4/2004; notification letter to client
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Due: 3/4/2004	WWS AAJ			Watch for first office action
Due: 3/4/2004	RWB			Deadline to file statement of use or 2nd request for extension of time (1 year from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	ALM LNB DFA			Reminder: Deadline to file statement of use or 5th request for extension of time is 6/4/2004 (2 1/2 years from mailing date of NOA)
Due: 3/4/2004	NZ WFH CDH		USA	-
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB LMS	··	•	Deadline for fax to client regarding statement of use
Due: 3/4/2004	LNB			Watch for notice of acceptance of statement of use by today; if not received, file SOU or additional request for extension of time.
Due: 3/4/2004	ESH	,		Watch for - Examining Attorneys decision accepting or denying basis for registration

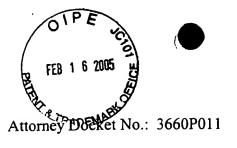


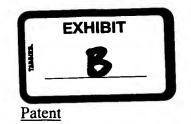




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PETITION PURSUANT TO MPEP § 711.03(C) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE COMMUNICATION Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of abandonment of the above-referenced patent application. The mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment is September 21, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f), this Petition is timely filed within two months of the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment.

EXPRESS MAIL STATEMENT				
"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV336587351US				
Date of Deposit: October 27, 2004				
I hereby state that I am causing this paper or fee to be deposited to Addressee" service on the date indicated above and that this p	with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office			
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Applicants respectfully submit that the failure to timely respond to the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 within the statutory period was the result of the applicants and their attorneys not receiving the Office Communication, which was a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Attached is 1) a Declaration of Lester J. Vincent in support of this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Communication, and 2) a copy of the docket records, wherein the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 would have been entered had it been received and docketed.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 be remailed.

To expedite prosecution, applicants have enclosed a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 in response to the Office Communication of February 4, 2004, which was a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Alternatively, applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) that the application be revived given that the delay was unavoidable. Applicants respectfully submit that the entire delay in filing the required reply was unavoidable given that applicants did not receive a copy of the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 until having a photocopy made from the PTO prosecution history after receipt of the Notice of Abandonment.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fees.

Respectfully submitted,

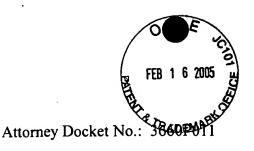
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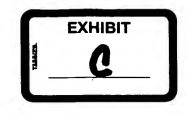
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# DECLARATION OF LESTER J. VINCENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

- I, Lester J. Vincent, hereby declare and say as follows:
- (1) I am an attorney and partner at the firm of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP ("BSTZ") in Sunnyvale, California.
- (2) The present application was filed on October 25, 1999 by an attorney at Ritter, Van Pelt and Yi.
- (3) A Power of Attorney by Assignee and Revocation of Previous Powers was filed by an attorney of BSTZ on May 9, 2002.

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- (4) A Notice Regarding Power of Attorney identifying that the Power of Attorney was accepted for the above-referenced patent application was mailed by the PTO June 4, 2002.
- (5) An Office Action was mailed by the PTO on December 19, 2002.
- (6) An Amendment was filed March 19, 2003.
- (7) An Information Disclosure Statement was mailed May 13, 2003.
- (8) An Office Action was mailed by the PTO on April 15, 2003.
- (9) A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and a Preliminary Amendment was filed July 31, 2003.
- (10) An Office Communication was mailed July 25, 2003 alleging that an improper RCE has been filed.
- (11) An Office Action was mailed October 22, 2003.
- (12) An Amendment was filed January 22, 2004.
- (13) A Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 21, 2004. The Notice of Abandonment was received in the Los Angeles office of BSTZ on September 27, 2004.

- (14) I have searched the file jacket and the docket records of BSTZ and can find no indication of an Office Communication of February 4, 2004 being received by BSTZ (other than the photocopy made from the PTO prosecution history after receipt of the Notice of Abandonment).
- (15) A complete copy of the BSTZ docket records for the present application is attached.
- (16) The docket records show (1) deadlines for responding to the Office Action of October 22, 2003 and (2) target dates for reviving the application. The docket records do not show any receipt of an Office Communication of February 4, 2004.
- On October 14, 2004, I asked our Virginia associate to retrieve a photocopy of the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. On October 18, 2004, I obtained a photocopy of the Office Communication February 4, 2004 (that we did not receive in the mail) through our Virginia associate.
- (18) Enclosed is a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, which is a response by applicants to the photocopy of the Office Communication dated February 4, 2004 retrieved from the PTO.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

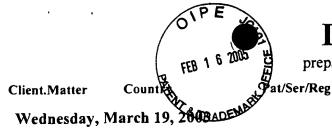
Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issued thereon.

Date: October 27, 2004

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Response due

Description

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Saturday, April 19, 2003

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Response due, 1st extension

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Sunday, June 15, 2003

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Two months since final oa was mailed

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

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Reminder, review file for possible filing of continuation application if advisory action or notice of allowance not received by 7/15/2003

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Friday, August 15, 2003

3660.P011

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Response due final OA and possible appeal, 1st extension

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Sunday, August 24, 2003

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Response due, notice of improper request for RCE; arbitrary

date

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Sunday, October 19, 2003

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Next office action due; if not received, file request for status

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Thursday, January 15, 2004

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Thursday, January 22, 2004

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Response due

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Sunday, February 22, 2004

3660.P011

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Response due, 1st extension

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Monday, March 22, 2004

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Response due, 2nd extension

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Thursday, April 22, 2004

3660.P011

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Response due, 3rd and final extension

Title ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM - UTILITY

Sunday, November 21, 2004

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Reminder: Deadline to revive abandoned application is 12/21

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In re Application of

Eithan Y. Ephrati, et al. Application No. 09/426,410

Filed: October 25, 1999

Los Angeles, CA 90025

For: ELECTRONIC MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE

HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on applicants' Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 27, 2004.

#### The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record reveals that a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed to applicants on February 4, 2004, setting a one-month shortened statutory period for response. Since a response was not received before the expiration of the six-month statutory period for reply, the application became abandoned at midnight on August 4, 2004, and a Notice to that effect was mailed on September 21, 2004.

Petitioner contends that the February 4, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was not received. In support thereof, petitioner submits, *inter alia.*, a declaration of Lester J. Vincent, and a copy of the "the BSTZ docket records for the present application".

There is a strong presumption that an Office communication properly addressed and delivered to the United States Postal Services, was in fact delivered to the addressee. An allegation that the Office communication was not received must be overcome by a showing that it was not received.

The showing required to establish non-receipt of an Office communication must include all of the following requirements:

(1) A statement from the practitioner stating the Office communication was not received by the practitioner; **RFCEIVED** 

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- (2) A statement attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received; and
- (3) A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

The docket records indicated above must include a copy of the list of <u>all</u> responses in the practitioner's office with the due date of March 4, 2004. See Notice entitled "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 OG 53 (November 16, 1993). The petitioner has failed to comply with requirement (3) indicated above.

The docket record submitted by petitioner is that of the above referenced application. To satisfy requirement (3) above, a docket record showing <u>all</u> responses due by the firm of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman, at and around the due date of March 4, 2004, must be supplied.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181."

Correspondence with respect to a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under *Delgar Inc. v. Schuyler* should be mailed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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